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E. O. 11652: XGDS

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SUBJECT: BURMA' S FEAR OF PRC AFFECTS POLICY

REF: ( A) RANGOON 630; ( B) RANGOON 591

1. FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT BURMA' S NEW POLICY TOWARD SEA NEIGHBORS, ESPECIALLY THAILAND, IS RELATED TO FEAR OF CHINA ( PARA 4 REFTTEL A) WAS GIVEN TO ME BY SNHAI AMBASSADOR WONGSE POLNIKORN DURING HIS FAREWELL CALL MARCH 22.

2. COMMENTING ON RECENT FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENTS IN THAI- BURMESE RELATIONS ( E. G. KYAW SOE VISIT TO BANGKOK, REFTTEL B), POLNIKORN SAID THAT HERETOFORE GUB HAD BEEN UNWILLING TO DISCUSS MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS WITH RGT BUT THAT NOW ALL THIS HAD CHANGED. REASON FOR CHANGE IN GUB ATTITUDE, ACCORDING TO POLNIKORN, WAS MADE CLEAR TO HIM ON PREVIOUS DAY BY CHAIRMAN  
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NE WIN WHO SPOKE OF " THREAT FROM THE NORTH" WHICH SEA COUNTRIES FACED AND OF CHINA'S " TWO- FACED" POLICY OF SUPPORTING BCP WHILE MAINTAINING OSTENSIBLY FRIENDLY STATE- TO- STATE RELATIONS. NE WIN STRESSED THAT SMALL COUNTRIES OF SEA MUST WORK TOGETHER TO MEET THIS CHALLENGE.

3. IN VIEW OF NE WIN'S ACTIVE SUPPORT OF RAPPROACHMENT WITH THAILAND POLNIKORN SAID HE LOOKS FOR CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT IN THAI- BURMESE RELATIONS DURING HIS SUCCESSOR'S TENURE. HE ALSO PREDICTED THAT " THE LEADERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES" WOULD GET TOGETHER SOON.

4. COMMENT: THE STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO NE WIN WOULD HAVE BEEN HARD TO IMAGINE BEFORE VIETNAM CESEFIRE AGREEMENT. NO LESS REMARKABLE IS FACT THEY WERE MADE TO THAI AMBASSADOR. THEY PROVIDE STRONG ARGUMENT FOR THOSE IN RTG WHO HAVE BEEN ADVOCATING CULTIVATION OF BETTER RELATIONS WITH GUB.

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